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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA 1/

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

4. Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Working Party

5. Other business

6. Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board.

1/ As approved by the Working Party at its 109th meeting, on 28 June 1995.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, the Chairman of the Working Party at its twenty-fifth session was to have been a representative of one of the States members in list D. However, the members of List D requested, without prejudice to the cycle of rotation, that the Chairmanship for the twenty-fifth session be passed on to next cycle - i.e. List B - on the understanding that it would revert to List D at the twenty-sixth session. Thus the Chairman of the Working Party at its twenty-sixth session shall be a representative of one of the States members in List D. The Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur should be a representative of one of the States members in list A (Asia).

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of the Working Party, as reproduced in section I above, was approved by the Working Party at its twenty-fifth session in June 1995.

3. In deciding upon the organization of work, the Working Party may wish to consider the suggestions contained in the tentative timetable annexed to the present document.

Item 3 - Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

4. Pursuant to paragraph 68 of the Cartagena Commitment, the Board undertook a policy review of UNCTAD's technical cooperation in 1994. In its agreed conclusions 421 (XLI) of 30 September 1994, the Board requested that, starting in 1995, the Working Party should review technical cooperation on an annual basis. At its twenty-fourth session (December 1994), the Working Party requested the secretariat to present the documentation on technical cooperation for subsequent sessions according to a format which was specified in paragraph 14 of its agreed conclusions (TD/B/WP/87).

5. In line with the contents of this paragraph, the documentation consists of an Annual Report on UNCTAD's technical cooperation for the year 1994 (document TD/B/WP/92). The main body of this report provides information and analysis on each technical cooperation programme, on a Division- by-Division basis. It is supplemented by a Statistical Annex (TD/B/WP/92/Add.1) which includes, inter alia, a list of all UNCTAD-implemented projects. Separate material on the issue of national capacity-building associated with international trade negotiations will be made available to the Working Party.

6. The Working Party will also have before it an in-depth study on UNCTAD's ASYCUDA Programme (TD/B/WP/93), which provides an overall assessment of the programme and contains recommendations on the basis of lessons learnt.

Item 4 - Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Working Party

7. The UNCTAD secretariat will submit to the Working Party for its consideration a draft provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session.

Item 5 - Other business

Item 6 - Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

8. In view of the fact that the Working Party will hold its twenty-sixth session in the week immediately preceding the eighteenth special session of the Board, it is suggested that the Chairman of the Working Party be authorized to report to the Board orally on the outcome of the Working Party.

Annex

Tentative timetable

Monday, 4 December 1995		
10.00 a.m. **(Plenary)**	Item 1	- Election of officers
	Item 2	- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		Statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD Any other general statement
(followed by informal meeting)	Item 3	- Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
3.00 p.m.	Item 3	(Informal meeting - continued)
Tuesday, 5 December 1995		
10.00 a.m. **and** **3.00 p.m.**	Item 3	(Informal meeting - continued)
Wednesday, 6 December 1995		
10.00 a.m. **and** **3.00 p.m.**	Item 3	(Informal meeting - continued)
Thursday, 7 December 1995		
10.00 a.m.	Item 3	(Informal meeting - Continued)
Afternoon		Preparation of the draft report
Friday, 8 December 1995		
Morning		Preparation of the draft report
3.00 p.m. **(Plenary)**	Item 4	Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Working Party
	Item 5	Other business
	Item 6	Adopting of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board